

2014 Grand Canyon Reader Award Nominees

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Non-Fiction

Hanging Off Jefferson's Nose: Growing Up on Mount Rushmore

by Tina Nichols Coury

Biography of Lincoln Borglum (1912-1986), who succeeded his father Gutzon Borglum (1867-1941) in designing and sculpting the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Black Hills, South Dakota. For grades 2-4. 2012.

DB075049

BARD

Jean Laffite: The Pirate Who Saved America

by Susan Goldman Rubin

Biography of gentlemen pirate Jean Laffite. Describes his adventures as a privateer capturing Spanish ships and his use of pirating skills to help the Americans win the Battle of New Orleans against the British during the War of 1812 . For grades 2-4. 2012.

DB74749

BARD

Intermediate

Mousenet

by Prudence E Breitrose

While ten-year-old Megan's scientist mother is off doing research on the hairy-nosed wombat in Australia, Megan goes to live with her father in Oregon. Shortly thereafter, computer-savvy mice approach her for help with their project: getting a tiny Thumbtop computer for every mouse hole. For grades 3-6. 2011.

DB74794

BARD

Pie

by Sarah Weeks

When Polly Portman--famous for her pie making--passes away unexpectedly, she leaves her coveted pie-crust recipe to her cat Lardo and custody of the grouchy Lardo to her beloved niece, Alice. When someone kidnaps the feline, Alice and her friend Charlie set out to investigate. For grades 3-6. 2011.

DB74416

BARD

Tween

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading

by Tom Greenwald

Charlie Joe Jackson tries everything possible to avoid reading, including bribing a friend with ice cream sandwiches to tell Charlie what happens in the middle of a book. But when his scheme goes awry, Charlie must deal with the source of the problem. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 2011.

DB75752

BARD

Deadly

by Julie Chibbaro

New York City, 1906. Sixteen-year-old Prudence Galewski's journal entries detail her job with Mr. Soper, the head epidemiologist at the Department of Health and Sanitation. Prudence helps Soper investigate an outbreak of typhoid fever. Their search leads them to "Typhoid Mary"--a seemingly healthy cook. For grades 6-9. 2011.

DB73381

BARD

Legend

by Marie Lu

In the distant future, North America has split into two warring nations. Two fifteen-year-olds--Day, a famous criminal, and June, a soldier prodigy sent to capture Day--discover they have a common enemy. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB74825

BARD

The Outcasts

by John Flanagan

Teenage Skandian outcasts Hal and Stig train to become warriors with a group of other misfits. As they learn to work together, they must compete against two other brotherbands--the Wolves and the Sharks--in a series of challenges that includes the ultimate race across icy waters. For grades 5-8. 2011.

DB75826

BARD

Teen

Big Crunch

by Pete Haufman

June limits emotional attachments because her parents move regularly. But when June meets an unimpressive--and unimpressed--Wes, love surprisingly blossoms. The two struggle to maintain their relationship after June moves yet again. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 2011.

DB73001

BARD

Cinder

by Marissa Meyer

Cinder, a teen cyborg and the best mechanic in New Beijing, labors to support her stepmother--and owner--Adri and Adri's two daughters. But after Cinder's only human friend, her stepsister Peony, is infected with the plague letumosis, Adri volunteers Cinder's body for plague research. For senior high and older readers. 2012.

DB75631

BARD

Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories

by Carrie Jones and Megan Kelley Hall

Seventy authors recount their experiences of being victims, bystanders, or perpetrators of bullying and offer support and understanding for kids currently being tormented. Includes resources for teens, parents, and educators. Strong language and some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB74214

BARD

Divergent

by Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, society is divided into five factions. During the Choosing Ceremony, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must pick her lifelong faction. But Beatrice discovers she is an anomaly--a divergent--who does not fit anywhere. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB73203

BARD

The Fault in Our Stars

by John Green

A miracle drug may have given sixteen-year-old cancer patient Hazel a few more years, but she is still depressed. Then Hazel meets cute Augustus during a support-group meeting and her world shifts in unexpected and inspiring ways. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB74112

BARD

Hold Me Closer, Necromancer

by Lish McBride

Samhain "Sam" Corvus LaCroix drops out of college and bides his time at local fast-food restaurant Plumpy's only to learn that his life isn't what it seems to be--and that Seattle is teeming with paranormal creatures. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB72338

BARD

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

by Jamie Ford

Seattle, 1986. Newly widowed Chinese American Henry Lee reminisces about his World War II boyhood when he was in love with another student, Japanese American Keiko Okabe. Henry recalls visiting the Okabe family, despite his father's objections, during their internment in Idaho and waiting--in vain--for Keiko's return to Seattle. 2009.

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DB71540

BARD

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

by Ransom Riggs

A family tragedy sends sixteen-year-old American Jacob on a journey to a remote island off the coast of Wales. There he discovers the ruins of an old orphanage that was home to peculiar--and possibly dangerous--children. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB75853

BARD

The Scorpio Races

by Maggie Stiefvater

On the first day of each November, fierce water horses are ridden on the beach of Thisby Island. Nineteen-year-old Sean Kendrick, the returning champion, competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to participate in the dangerous--and often deadly--Scorpio Races. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB74755

BARD

Scrawl

by Mark Shulman

When eighth-grade bully Tod gets caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty is to write in a journal during detention. He reveals aspects of his life that he would prefer to keep hidden. Some violence and some strong language. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2010.

DB75445

BARD

The Things a Brother Knows

by Dana Reinhardt

When Levi's older brother, Boaz, returns from war withdrawn and changed, Levi is determined to figure out what happened to him. Levi follows Boaz on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C., to find answers and bring him home. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

DB72559

BARD

Tiger's Curse

by Colleen Houck

Greedy for power, Lokesh puts a curse on Prince Ren and Ren's brother Kishan, changing them into tigers for eternity. Centuries later seventeen-year-old Kelsey bonds with Ren, now a circus tiger. The two travel to India to break the curse. Some violence. For senior high and older readers.

Commercial audiobook. 2011.

DB74374

BARD

What Happened to Goodbye

by Sarah Dessen

After her parents' bitter divorce, Mclean and her father move from town to town. Mclean reinvents herself at each school she attends until she is no longer sure she knows who she is--or where she belongs. For senior high and older readers. 2011.

DB74016

BARD

Twelve Non-Fiction (This is a recommended list only – non-voting)

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream

by Tanya Lee Stone

Discusses the thirteen American women who passed the stringent physical and mental exams required to become astronauts in the 1960s but were disqualified on the basis of gender. Covers the role these female pilots played as pioneers for admittance to the NASA program. For grades 6-9. 2009.

DB69713

BARD

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories

by Paul B. Janeczko

Examines spy work from the American Revolution through the Cold War, including double agents, counterintelligence, gadgets, secret codes, surveillance, and training. Discusses George Washington's intelligence community in the colonies, female spies during the Civil War, Anglo-American efforts to tunnel into East Berlin, and technological advancements. For grades 5-8. 2010.

DB72289

BARD

Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy

by Albert Marrin

Examines poor living and working conditions of immigrants that led to the 1911 garment factory fire in New York City that killed 146. Discusses the catastrophe's impact on labor-union movements, workplace-safety regulations, and the existence of sweatshops around the globe. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2011.

DB73753

BARD

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous

by Georgia Bragg

Guide to the deaths of nineteen notable people begins with King Tut, who died of malaria. Also covers King Henry VIII, whose corpse exploded; George Washington; Marie Curie, who literally worked to death; and Albert Einstein. Includes facts, oddities, and resources. Some violence. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2011.

DB75266

BARD

Sugar Changed the World:

A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science

by Marc Aronson and Marina Tamar Budhos

Covers the history of sugar from ancient to modern times across the globe. Discusses slavery on sugarcane plantations. Includes songs, oral histories, and more. For junior and senior high readers. 2010.

DB72618

BARD

They Called Themselves the K.K.K.:

The Birth of an American Terrorist Group

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

History of the Ku Klux Klan from its beginnings as a club after the Civil War to its twentieth-century legacy. Discusses racial prejudice, Jim Crow laws, Klan violence, African American suffering, and court rulings for integration. Includes many first-person accounts. Violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2010.

DB72109

BARD